

FEDERATED MALAY STATES.

REPORT ON THE PRISONS FOR THE YEAR 1913.*

PRISONERS.

1. The following return shows the distribution of all prisoners in the various prisons of the Federated Malay States during the year under review:

	Remaining.	Committed.	Received from outstations.	Discharged.	Transferred to outstations.	Escaped.	Died.	Executed.	Remaining.
CIVIL PRISONS.									
Convict Establishment	41	380	15	390	3	...	2	6	35
Batu Gajah	26	198	121	291	10	...	1	...	43
Papan	...	1,435	13	1,434	...	1	8	3	59
Kuala Lumpur	57	226	1	222	2	1	2	...	6
Seremban	6	190	...	173	20	...	...	...	4
Kuantan	7	24	17	48	1	...	...	1	5
Kuala Lipis	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Civil Prisons	151	2,453	167	2,558	36	2	13	10	152
CRIMINAL PRISONS, EUROPEANS.									
Convict Establishment	1	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	1
Batu Gajah	...	3	1	2	2	...	...	...	...
Papan	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	1
Kuala Lumpur	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seremban	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kuantan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kuala Lipis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Europeans	2	9	2	9	2	...	...	...	2
CRIMINAL PRISONS, NATIVES.									
Convict Establishment	630	550	180	721	...	4	18	...	617
Batu Gajah	158	1,078	598	1,317	270	1	14	...	232
Papan	94	2	190	173	57	...	...	...	56
Kuala Lumpur	367	2,027	45	2,094	74	...	7	...	264
Seremban	111	584	2	527	18	...	4	...	148
Kuantan	30	264	10	265	5	...	2	...	32
Kuala Lipis	35	25	20	41	3	1	1	...	34
Total Criminal Prisons	1,427	4,539	1,047	5,147	429	6	46	...	1,385
Grand Total, Criminal and Civil Prisons	1,578	6,992	1,214	7,705	465	8	59	10	1,537

2. On the 1st January, 1913, there were 1,578 prisoners in the Federated Malay States. During the year, 8,206 were admitted, and on the 31st December, 1913, there were 1,537 prisoners remaining in the various prisons.

* Returns not printed.

The prisoners remaining on the 31st December, 1913, were distributed as follows :

	Civil prison.	Revenue grade.	Short- sentence.	Long- sentence.	Total.
Convict Establishment ...	35	17	68	533	653
Batu Gajah ...	43	79	153	...	275
Papan ...	...	...	56	...	56
Kuala Lumpur ...	59	53	193	19	324
Seremban ...	6	38	101	9	154
Kuantan ...	4	9	22	1	36
Kuala Lipis ...	5	1	5	28	39
Total ...	152	197	598	590	1,537

Only 19 of the 1,537 were females.

DAILY AVERAGE.

3. The daily average number of prisoners in confinement was :

	Civil prisons, under remand, etc.	Short-sentence and revenue grade.	Long-sentence and condemned.	Total.
Convict Establishment ...	63	77	556	696
Batu Gajah ...	21	188	...	209
Papan ...	...	67	...	67
Kuala Lumpur ...	58	277	12	347
Seremban ...	18	104	4	126
Kuantan ...	8	26	...	34
Kuala Lipis ...	1	9	31	41

The daily average during the last eight years have been :

	1906.	1907.	1908.	1909.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
Perak ...	893	741	907	1,035	989	887	948	972
Selangor ...	551	488	532	543	381	222	376	347
Negri Sembilan ...	146	137	117	135	115	108	114	126
Pahang ...	125	124	97	72	92	130	82	75
Total ...	1,715	1,490	1,653	1,785	1,577	1,347	1,520	1,520

ADMISSIONS.

4. The distribution of prisoners committed and received from outstations was as follows :

	Long- sentence.	Short- sentence.
Perak ...	177	3,141
Selangor ...	67	3,458
Negri Sembilan ...	26	787
Pahang ...	14	536
Total ...	284	7,922

5. The following table shows the proportion of prison inmates to population :

	Estimated population.	No. of prisoners admitted during 1913.	No. per 100,000 of population.
Perak ...	500,000	3,318	664
Selangor ...	300,000	3,525	1,175
Negri Sembilan ...	130,000	813	625
Pahang ...	120,000	550	458
Total ...	1,050,000	8,206	781 per 100,000

STATISTICS OF CRIME.

CONVICT ESTABLISHMENT.

6. The classification of the crimes of long-sentence prisoners during the last six years is as follows:

	Returning from banishment.		Gang- robbery and robbery.		House- breaking and theft.		Crimes of violence.		Murder commuted to imprison- ment.		Miscella- neous.		Total.
1908	10	...	82	...	26	...	18	...	17	...	48	...	201
1909	13	...	83	...	41	...	26	...	9	...	38	...	210
1910	6	...	41	...	8	...	24	...	9	...	21	...	109
1911	9	...	40	...	21	...	30	...	11	...	34	...	145
1912	19	...	79	...	30	...	36	...	6	...	49	...	219
1913	12	...	63	...	24	...	31	...	7	...	41	...	178

CLASSIFICATION OF SENTENCES.

Prisoners admitted during	Under 2 years.	2 years.	3 years.	4 years.	5 years.	6 years.	7 years.	8 years.	9 years.	10 years.	11 years.	13 to 15 years.	20 years.	Total.
1908	38	34	31	11	21	3	38	10	...	13	...	...	2	201
1909	20	20	37	26	34	5	18	28	3	9	1	...	9	210
1910	16	12	17	14	12	4	17	1	...	7	...	...	9	109
1911	14	38	16	3	31	3	15	5	...	3	...	...	17	145
1912	18	21	24	3	44	4	34	6	...	33	...	...	32	219
1913	17	17	24	9	37	4	25	7	...	12	...	...	26	178

7. Of the 533 long-sentence prisoners remaining in the Convict Establishment on 31st December, 1913, 424 had no previous convictions recorded against them. Of the remaining 109, 34 were under sentence for returning from banishment, and 75 were undergoing sentence for relapsing into crime. Of the 57 long-sentence prisoners remaining in the other prisons in the Federated Malay States on the 31st December, 1913, six had previous convictions recorded against them, and four were under sentence for returning from banishment.

The total number of convictions during the year 1913 were 4,539, distributed as follows:

Perak	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,634
Selangor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,032
Negri Sembilan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	584
Pahang	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	289
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,539

BANISHMENT.

8. Five hundred and ten persons were banished during the year, classified as follows:—

	Europeans.	Malays.	Chinese.	Indians.	Total.
Perak	2	1	263	15	281
Selangor	...	1	174	5	180
Negri Sembilan	...	...	37	2	39
Pahang	...	...	10	...	10
Total	2	2	484	22	510

EXECUTIONS.

9. Ten persons were executed as compared with 22 in 1912, 12 in 1911, 8 in 1910, and 15 in 1909.

Six executions were carried out in the Convict Establishment, three in the Kuala Lumpur Gaol, and one in the Kuala Lipis Gaol.

ESCAPES.

10. There were six escapes, four from the Convict Establishment,* one from the Kuala Lumpur Gaol, and one from the Kuala Lipis Gaol.

SUICIDES.

11. There were two cases of suicide, and five attempts to commit suicide in the Kuala Lumpur Gaol.

* Escaped when proceeding to Court under escort.

HEALTH.

12. Of the 9,784 prisoners who passed through the gaols, 1,543 were treated in hospital. There were 54 deaths, amounting to $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the total treated.

There was a daily average of 73 in hospital out of a daily average prison population of 1,520, as compared with 55 out of 1,520 in 1912.

DISCIPLINE.

13. Four thousand two hundred and forty cases were decided by Visiting Justices and Superintendents, and in 55 cases flogging was administered, four in Taiping, 15 in Batu Gajah, 17 in Papan, 17 in Kuala Lumpur, and two in Seremban.

EUROPEAN STAFF.

14. Amongst 39 European Warders there were 34 cases for breaches of discipline, of these, 13 were punished, 11 cautioned, five discharged, and five reported to the British Residents.

NATIVE STAFF.

15. The native staff consists of seven Native Warders and 233 Sub-Warders. During the year, 42 resigned, 18 were dismissed, one absconded, and one died. There were 261 cases, of which 151 were punished, 85 cautioned, 23 discharged, and two were sent to Court for trial.

REVENUE.

16. Convict Establishment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$22,147
Kuala Lipis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,607
S.S. Gaols	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,969
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	\$26,723

CONVICT ESTABLISHMENT.

17. In the Convict Establishment, prisoners break stone during the first twelve months of their sentences. The gaol quarry has been closed and the stone is now obtained from the quarry near the waterfall and delivered in the gaol yard by the Public Works Department. The metal is supplied to the Public Works Department free of charge.

After the first twelve months of stone breaking, prisoners are, as far as possible, taught trades, which may be of some assistance to them on their release; an attempt is made to make the various trades as remunerative as possible, without unduly competing with free labour.

	Revenue.	Daily average of prisoners at productive work.	Average annual earning per prisoner at productive work.
1909	\$27,386	450	\$61
1910	29,632	440	67
1911	22,090	333	67 $\frac{1}{2}$
1912	20,603	420	49
1913	22,147	407	54

EXPENDITURE.

ALL GAOLS.

18. The total expenditure in the Federated Malay States Gaols amounted to \$285,410.

A daily average of 1,520 prisoners was maintained at a net cost of \$258,687, giving a cost per head of \$170.

The following table shows the cost of the various gaols:

Gaol.	Establishment.	Other charges.	Total.	Revenue.	Net cost.	Daily No. of prisoners.	Cost per head.
Taiping	\$56,323	\$70,108	\$126,431	\$22,147	\$104,284	696	\$150
Batu Gajah	12,239	15,695	27,934	164	27,770	209	133
Papan	8,138	6,699	14,837	273	14,564	67	217
Kuala Lumpur	29,969	40,691	70,660	403	70,257	346	203
Seremban	12,873	14,940	27,813	1,067	26,746	127	211
Kuala Lipis	10,076	2,888	12,964	2,607	10,357	40	258
Kuantan	1,884	2,887	4,771	62	4,709	35	134
Total	131,502	153,908	285,400	26,723	258,687	1,520	170

GENERAL.

19. Mr. A. B. Voules was Superintendent, Convict Establishment, and Inspector of Prisons until 17th November, 1913. He left for Penang to take up the duties of the appointment of Solicitor-General on the 18th. The Convict Establishment was under the charge of Mr. Pizer from the 18th to the 21st. Mr. Meadows Frost took over from Mr. Pizer on the 22nd November, 1913.

Mr. W. W. Douglas acted as Inspector of Prisons from the 19th November, 1913.

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